

§210.3 Governing law.

(a) *Federal law.* The rights and obligations of the United States and the Federal Reserve Banks with respect to all Government entries, and the rights of any person or recipient against the United States and the Federal Reserve Banks in connection with any Government entry, are governed by this part, which has the force and effect of Federal law.

(b) *Incorporation by reference—applicable ACH Rules.*

(1) This part incorporates by reference the applicable ACH Rules, including rule changes with an effective date on or before September 17, 1999, as published in Parts I, II, and IV of the “1999 ACH Rules: A Complete Guide to Rules & Regulations Governing the ACH Network.” The Director of the Federal Register approves this incorporation by reference in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR Part 51. Copies of the “1999 ACH Rules” are available from the National Automated Clearing House Association, 607 Herndon Parkway, Suite 200, Herndon, Virginia 20170. Copies also are available for public inspection at the Office of the Federal Register, 800 North Capitol Street, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20001.

(2) Any amendment to the applicable ACH Rules that takes effect after September 17, 1999, shall not apply to Government entries unless the Service expressly accepts such amendment by publishing notice of acceptance of the amendment to this part in the FEDERAL REGISTER. An amendment to the ACH Rules that is accepted by the Service shall apply to Government entries on the effective date of the rule-making specified by the Service in the FEDERAL REGISTER notice expressly accepting such amendment.

(c) *Application of this part.* Any person or entity that originates or receives a Government entry agrees to be bound by this part and to comply with all instructions and procedures issued by the Service under this part, including the Treasury Financial Manual and the Green Book. The Treasury Financial Manual is available for downloading at the Service’s web site at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/> or by calling (202) 874-9940 or writing the Directives Man-

agement Branch, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, 3700 East West Highway, Room 500C, Hyattsville, MD 20782. The Green Book is available for downloading at the Service’s web site at <http://www.fms.treas.gov/fmsnews.html> or by calling (202) 874-6540 or writing the Product Promotion Division, Financial Management Service, Department of the Treasury, 401 14th Street, SW., Room 309, Washington, DC 20227.

Subpart A—General**§210.4 Authorizations and revocations of authorizations.**

(a) *Requirements for authorization.* Each debit and credit entry subject to this part shall be authorized in accordance with the applicable ACH Rules and the following additional requirements:

(1) The agency or the RDFI that accepts the recipient’s authorization shall verify the identity of the recipient and, in the case of a written authorization requiring the recipient’s signature, the validity of the recipient’s signature.

(2) Unless authorized in writing, or similarly authenticated, by an agency, no person or entity shall initiate or transmit a debit entry to that agency, other than a reversal of a credit entry previously sent to the agency.

(b) *Terms of authorizations.* By executing an authorization for an agency to initiate entries, a recipient agrees:

(1) To the provisions of this part;

(2) To provide accurate information;

(3) To verify the recipient’s identity to the satisfaction of the RDFI or agency, whichever has accepted the authorization;

(4) That any new authorization inconsistent with a previous authorization shall supersede the previous authorization; and

(5) That the Federal Government may reverse any duplicate or erroneous entry or file as provided in §210.6(f) of this part.

(c) *Termination and revocation of authorizations.* An authorization shall remain valid until it is terminated or revoked by: